

MASSACHUSETTS PIPING PLOVER CENSUS FORM

Year: _____

Observer(s): _____

Site Name: _____

Agency: _____

Town: _____

Address: _____

Ownership: _____

⇒ *Please attach a map of this site that shows locations of all nests and pairs that did not nest.*

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

<i>Census Results:</i>	Index Count ^a	Total Count ^b
No. of Pairs		
Unpaired Adults		

Notes on pairs that did not nest (include dates present, activities)/Census remarks:
List pairs <u>not</u> present during Index Count:

Month	Average # of visits to site per week
April	
May	
June	
July	

Indicate type(s) of exclosure design(s) used:

Exclosure Design	A	B	C
Shape			
Diameter/Length of side			
Size of wire mesh			
Total Height			
Height above ground:			
Depth buried:			
Cover material			
Cover spacing/Mesh size			

Other management undertaken or needed/Remarks:
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^aThe Index Count includes those pairs seen during the Index Count period (last Saturday in May – first Sunday in June) and also those that may have been missed during the Index Count, but that must have been present then (based on laying or hatching dates).

^bTo be included in the Total Count, a pair must have been present at the site for ≥ 2 weeks and exhibiting courtship or territorial behavior during that period, if not actual nesting.

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Pair No.	Nest No.	No. eggs laid	No. eggs hatched ^c	No. chicks fledged ^d	Date clutch found	No. eggs when clutch found	Date clutch completed	Date nest hatched or failed ^c	Exclosure		
									Y/N	Design (A, B...)	Date installed

^cIndicate below the reasons for nest failure and egg/chick mortality (if known) and the evidence, or indicate "unknown." Attach additional sheets if necessary.

^dChicks are considered "fledged" if they are ≥ 25 days old or are observed in flight for ≥ 50 ft., whichever occurs first.

Nest No.	Cause of egg mortality/Evidence	Nest No.	Cause of chick mortality/Evidence

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